Jah Lo See said Johnny had an over-active imagination; he should have been a writer....
Or a psychiatrist....

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Trixie strolled down Thing Street. Like she thought the neighborhood was a part of HER....

She asked Johnny for permission to use his washroom. Like she thought she was being ironic....

Looking for drugs?

She and Praetorius were looking for a kitchen-table; they were tired of eating in bed.....

Then he got busy with a customer who wanted the price of a shadow-box.

When he returned to the front of the store, Bruce was sprawled in the ugly maroon-upholstered armchair. He was very pale. He looked DEAD. He gazed around him.

This store sure is sad, he said.

A DISASTER.... For the Aerospace Program....

All in her ASS....

Edison Amberols....

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Johnny met Porko the next morning, on Thing Street. He said Frankie and Billie were quarreling over who let Johnny into Emile Durkheim House.

Max the Butcher would never have rented to a faggot, like Johnny Boy. Billie passed Frankie the fat joint.

No, man! Frankie exhaled. It was Porko! Frankie passed Billie the joint.

Why did you ever rent to that fuck? Billie demanded.

I'd never have rented to that piece of shit, Porko avowed. You both got it wrong. He was here already!

Johnny realized. Porko was only telling him this to let him know. He wouldn't have rented to him. After all Johnny'd done for him, too!

Setting him up in his old penthouse at Velma's, getting him the superintendent's job when Max went to Criminology School, etc., etc....

So Johnny allied himself to Bruce, down the hall. After the plane crash, he used a cane. He believed in human rights. They got him a Package.

Then he became psychiatric advocate. He sat on so many committees, his ass hardened. He took Citizen Hearse a thousand times, before the Rental Board. Each time The Hearse wore a different dress. He had a thousand. He always said, he was his own best secretary.

He always won, but the Rental Board bore a strange resemblance to Thing Street Asylum's DEFLOWERMENT COUNCIL. Possibly because it was comprised of the same crooks: Vixen Foxy Weasel-Theatre, Trixie Sane, Max the Butcher....